

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of configuring a hard copy output engine comprising:

receiving an electronic message including hard copy output engine configuration data from an undesignated website through a firewall, wherein the electronic message transmitted through the firewall designates a hardcopy output engine to be configured; and

configuring the hard copy output engine using the hard copy output engine configuration data, wherein receiving the electronic message comprises receiving an email at the hard copy output engine and wherein configuring comprises configuring the hard copy output engine via an embedded web server contained in the hard copy output engine using the hard copy output engine configuration data;

providing input by interacting with a website on the first side of the firewall with a web browser on the second side of the firewall; and

forming the hardcopy output engine configuration data on the first side of the firewall using the input from the second side of the firewall.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~receiving the electronic message comprises receiving an XML script and~~ configuring includes setting a threshold for an element chosen from a group consisting of: pigmentation

material, marking material, number of hours of operation and number of sheets of print media consumed.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the hard copy output engine is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the configuration data include data prepared by:

determining a make and model for the hard copy output engine;

determining a serial number for the hard copy output engine; and

determining user thresholds for consumables associated with the hard copy output engine.

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36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the hard copy output engine configuration data designates a the website on a the first side of the firewall as a contact for the hard copy output engine, wherein the website was not previously designated to the hard copy output engine.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (New) A method of configuring a hard copy output engine comprising:

receiving an electronic message including hard copy output engine configuration data from an undesignated website through a firewall, wherein the electronic message transmitted through the firewall designates a hardcopy output engine to be configured;

configuring the hard copy output engine using the hard copy output engine configuration data, wherein receiving the electronic message comprises receiving an email at the hard copy output engine and wherein configuring comprises configuring the hard copy output engine via an embedded web server contained in the hard copy output engine using the hard copy output engine configuration data, wherein the hard copy output engine configuration data designates a website on a first side of the firewall as a contact for the hard copy output engine, wherein the website was not previously designated to the hard copy output engine.

40. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein configuring includes setting a threshold for an element chosen from a group consisting of: pigmentation material, marking material, number of hours of operation and number of sheets of print media consumed.

41. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the hard copy output engine is chosen from a group consisting of: facsimile machines, photocopiers and printers.

42. (New) The method of claim 39, wherein the configuration data include data prepared by:

- determining a make and model for the hard copy output engine;
- determining a serial number for the hard copy output engine; and
- determining user thresholds for consumables associated with the hard copy output engine.